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Senate could endorse bond for new prisons, chair says

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A legislative budget leader gave the clearest indicator yet that the state Senate might be willing to approve a bond package to build new prisons.

At a Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee hearing Tuesday, Department of Corrections Director Joe Allbaugh said he's not seen much of an appetite in the House or Senate to adopt a bond measure that could total more than $800 million.

Committee Chair Kim David, however, noted that the Legislature adopted a $58.5 million bond package last year to build a new state health lab.

"We do have an appetite if the need is there, and if you can come to us with a plan," David said. "With a need this great, and it's a one-time need, that's the type of thing we should be bonding, is facilities."

She asked Allbaugh to provide plans for where a prison would be, how much it would cost and other details so lawmakers can make their decision.

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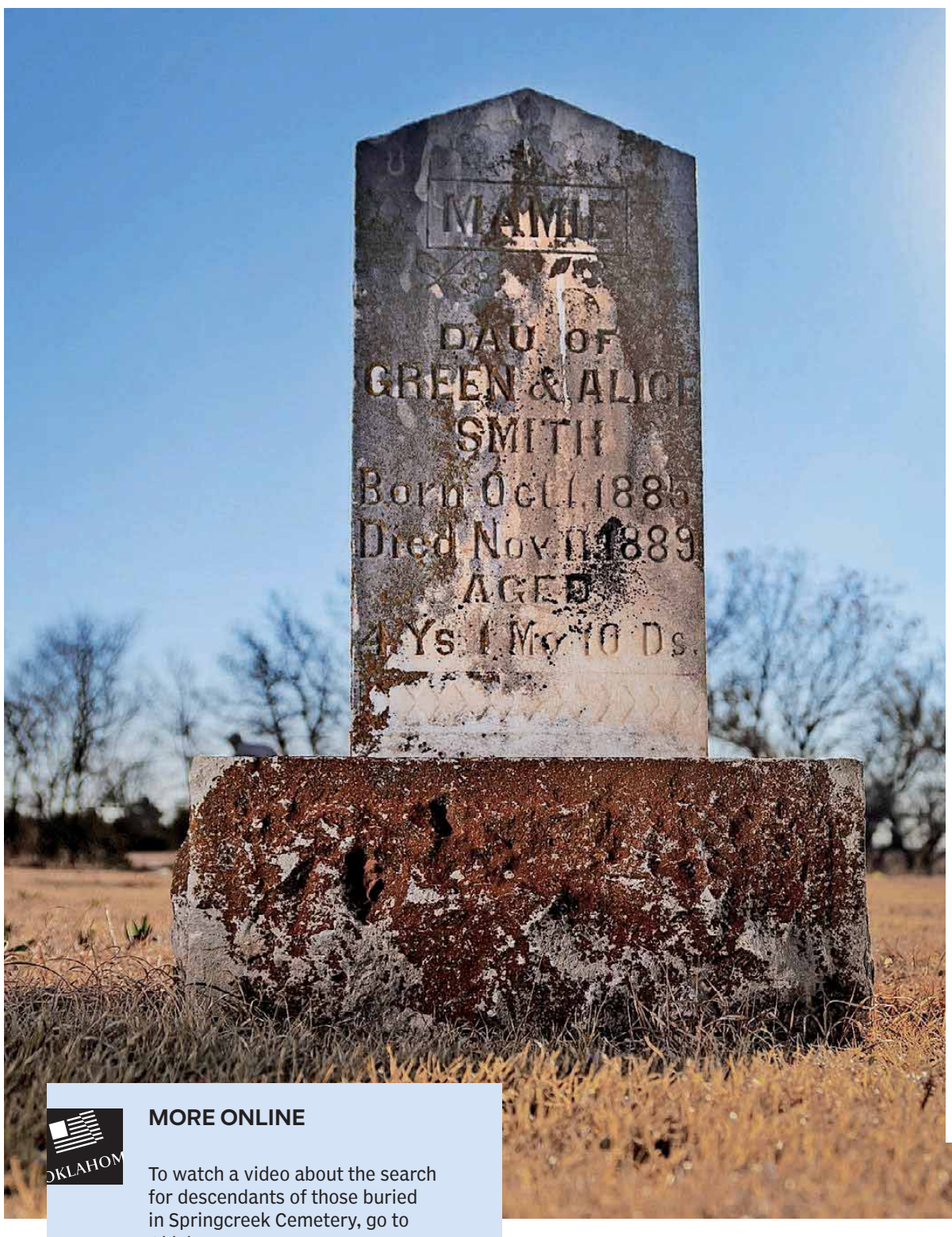

HISTORY'S MYSTERY

Cemetery operator looks for descendants of pioneers buried there

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In a cedar-dotted field, where housing additions are just beginning to encroach into what was once prairie, sits a limestone tablet bearing the name of a 4-year-old girl.

"Mamie, Dau of Green & Alice Smith," the headstone reads. "Born Oct. 1, 1885, Died Nov. 11, 1889."

Next to Mamie's grave is the grave of her father. The engraved words on the marker read: "Green Smith, June 7, 1843, June 14, 1914." And next to his grave is that of his wife and Mamie's mother, Alice Smith: "June 4, 1852, to Sept. 30, 1918," her headstone reads.

Like most of the people buried at Spring Creek Memorial Cemetery, not much is known about the Smith family apart from the few facts etched into their gravestones. But David Emmerson, owner and manager of the cemetery, hopes to see that change.

"It's important to remember, preserve, chronicle and archive the heritage of Oklahoma families who established this state," he said.

Emmerson, 51, has owned and managed Spring Creek Memorial Cemetery since 2013. It has been in his family since 1973. Emmerson is taking on a project to learn more about the pioneer families like the Smiths and preserve records of their lives.

Emmerson has used

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To watch a video about the search for descendants of those buried in Springcreek Cemetery, go to Oklahoman.com.

A headstone bearing the name of Mamie Smith, a 4-year-old girl who died 7 months after the Oklahoma Land Run, stands at Spring Creek Memorial Cemetery in far northwest Oklahoma City. [PHOTO BY CHRIS LANDSBERGER, THE OKLAHOMAN]

Investigation continues into Austin serial bombings

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AUSTIN, TEXAS — Police and federal authorities say the latest explosion to hit Austin was caused by an "incendiary device" and is not related to the series of bombs that has rocked Texas' capital city.

The Austin Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said via Twitter that the blast Tuesday night at a Goodwill store in the southern part of the city wasn't caused by a package bomb, as initially reported, but an incendiary device.

One man in his 30s was injured and authorities evacuated a grocery store and shopping center nearby.

But authorities insisted that the incident wasn't related to five bomb blasts that have killed two people and severely injured four others since March 2.

It came as investigators who have pursued a suspected serial bomber terrorizing Austin for weeks uncovered what seemed like valuable new leads in the case.

Even before the report of Tuesday night's explosion, it had already been a busy day for authorities. Before dawn, a bomb inside a package exploded around 1 a.m. as it passed along a conveyer belt at a FedEx shipping center near San Antonio, causing minor injuries to a worker. The Austin Police Department, the FBI and other federal

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